

Action Steps:

ABORTION IN OUR WATER

FEDERAL ACTION

Find your federal lawmakers [here](#) and call, write, fax, email, and/or visit their D.C. offices to encourage them to:

- **Hold congressional hearings** on the flawed abortion pill approval process, focusing on FDA's previous negligence and the possible adverse effects said pills and related medical waste may have on our water. We encourage you to share a link to our resources at **AbortionInOurWater.org**.
- **Require updated, comprehensive “[Gold Standard Science](#)”** (“subject to unbiased peer-review”) on whether and to what extent mifepristone metabolites and fetal remains are entering our water supply and drinking water. This should include, but is not limited to:
 - Research on how possible **long-term exposure** to mifepristone in the **drinking water supply** may adversely affect aquatic and related ecosystems, particularly focusing on human and animal health.
 - Research on the possible presence of mifepristone in our **drinking water** and whether **long-term exposure** to low doses of it may adversely affect human health—especially fertility.
 - Research on the **potential synergistic effects** of mifepristone combined with other potentially endocrine-disrupting chemicals and pollutants in our water supply. Notably, a recent report from the [MAHA Commission](#) recommended a “*national initiative to map gene–environment interactions affecting childhood disease risk, especially for **pollutants, endocrine disruptors, and pharmaceuticals.***” Since mifepristone metabolites are both a potential endocrine disruptor and pharmaceutical polluting our water, this research could easily be incorporated into (and should be a central feature of) the Commission's proposed recommendation.
 - Studying and **surveying individuals' reactions** to the reality that human remains are regularly being disposed of into the sewer system.
- **Require the FDA to suspend its approval of mifepristone** until a proper environmental assessment is completed—that is, one which considers the environmental impact of abortion pill metabolites and human remains entering our wastewater systems and ensures any action taken related to the drug complies with state and local laws on water quality and medical waste.
- **Require the EPA to continuously monitor the (likely) increasing presence of mifepristone metabolites**, similar to how other potential endocrine-disrupting chemicals, PFAS, are monitored.
- **Introduce legislation** to require abortion providers to issue “catch-kits” to all women prescribed chemical abortion pills, with information on how to properly use them.
- **Ask Congressmen to VOTE YES on the following legislation:**
 - **[HR 798: The Dignity for Aborted Children Act](#)**, with an amendment explicitly outlining that chemical abortions are to be subject to the same fetal disposition requirements as surgical abortions.

- **HR 686: The Protecting the Dignity of Unborn Children Act**, with an amendment to prohibit disposal of fetal remains into wastewater systems.

STATE ACTION

Call, write, fax, email, and/or visit your state lawmaker's offices to request that they review your state's laws on:

- Medical waste disposal,
- Fetal remains disposal, and
- Water quality

to determine whether any of the above explicitly ensure dignified, sanitary disposal of fetal remains from at-home abortions.

If any laws do so: Request, they ensure said laws are being enforced.

If they do not: Request legislation be introduced to ensure proper, dignified disposal of fetal remains similar to legislation introduced in Congress.

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For more information, visit:
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